



Go to <http://www.k12.wa.us/> and click on the icon:

<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

On this page you will find a summary that consists of SBA/MSP/HSPE Results, “Student Demographics,” and “Teacher Information” for the whole state. You can get this information for a particular district by using the drop-down menu near the top of the page. You can also search for a particular school (Be sure to click on the “go” button after you enter the district or school’s name.)

Now click on **MSP/HSPE**, in the navigation bar at the top of the page.

Note that you can look at all sorts of interesting trends and so forth for the whole state or for a particular district. Using the drop-down menus near the top and middle of the page, you can choose what you want to see. For example, I can look at the scores of low income vs. non-low income students in the 10th grade. Try it out.

Go back to the beginning School Report Card page (<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>). To get data for a single school, select “Compare My School” from the “Tools” menu (upper right corner of the page) and click “Go.” Select a district, click “Go.” Select a school from that district and click “Go.” Now, if you want to compare a couple or three schools, complete the same process for the other slots on the page.

Now we are going to use the Search feature found on this page.

Search

(Note: you DO have to be on the “Compare My School” page to search in this way.)

If you click on “Search” you will be taken to a screen where you can search for schools or districts that meet certain criteria. For example, I can look for a school that is: in the Seattle School district, that has a high percentage of students in one demographic category or another and where the enrollment in the Free/Reduced Price Meals program (an indicator of poverty) is 60% or more. (Perhaps because of SBA, MSP/HSPE Performance search mechanisms seem to be not working as of November 2015)

You can use this search feature to ask analytical questions about schools and districts. For example, you can investigate the HSPE/MSP reading and math (EOC) scores in schools where a high percentage of children qualify for Free/Reduced Price Meals and then open up a second tab and compare them to the scores at a school where this percentage is lower. Or you can check to see whether there are any schools where the percentage of American Indian or Alaska Native is above 70%. Explore the demographics of these schools. How are the test scores? How do they compare to the school where you are student-teaching?

Sample Questions: 1.) Are there any schools that, at the 10th grade level, are able to get at least 75% of the students to pass the HSPE in both reading and writing and that serve a population with at least 50% of the students on the Free/reduced Price Meal program?

2.) Are there any schools at the 7th grade level that are passing 40% or fewer of their students in all three Goal 1 content areas (math, reading, writing)? What are the demographics of these schools?

3.) Are there any HSs with > 50% American Indian / Alaska Native and with an enrollment of > 30 students? How are their test school and demographics?